

Spotlight on the Pee Dee

Location & Climate

Located in the Northeast area of the state, the Pee Dee WIA is comprised of six (6) counties: Chesterfield, Marlboro, Dillon, Marion, Florence and Darlington. This area experiences average temperatures in the low 60s and has between 41.90 and 47.53 inches of precipitation annually.

Labor Force

The labor force in the Pee Dee area reached 151,190 in 2002. The 2002 unemployment rate spanned from 6.7% to 13.9%, showing an increase since 2001.

Population

Total area population 2001: 332,204
Male: 47.3% **Female:** 52.7%
White: 55.2% **Nonwhite:** 44.8%

Employment

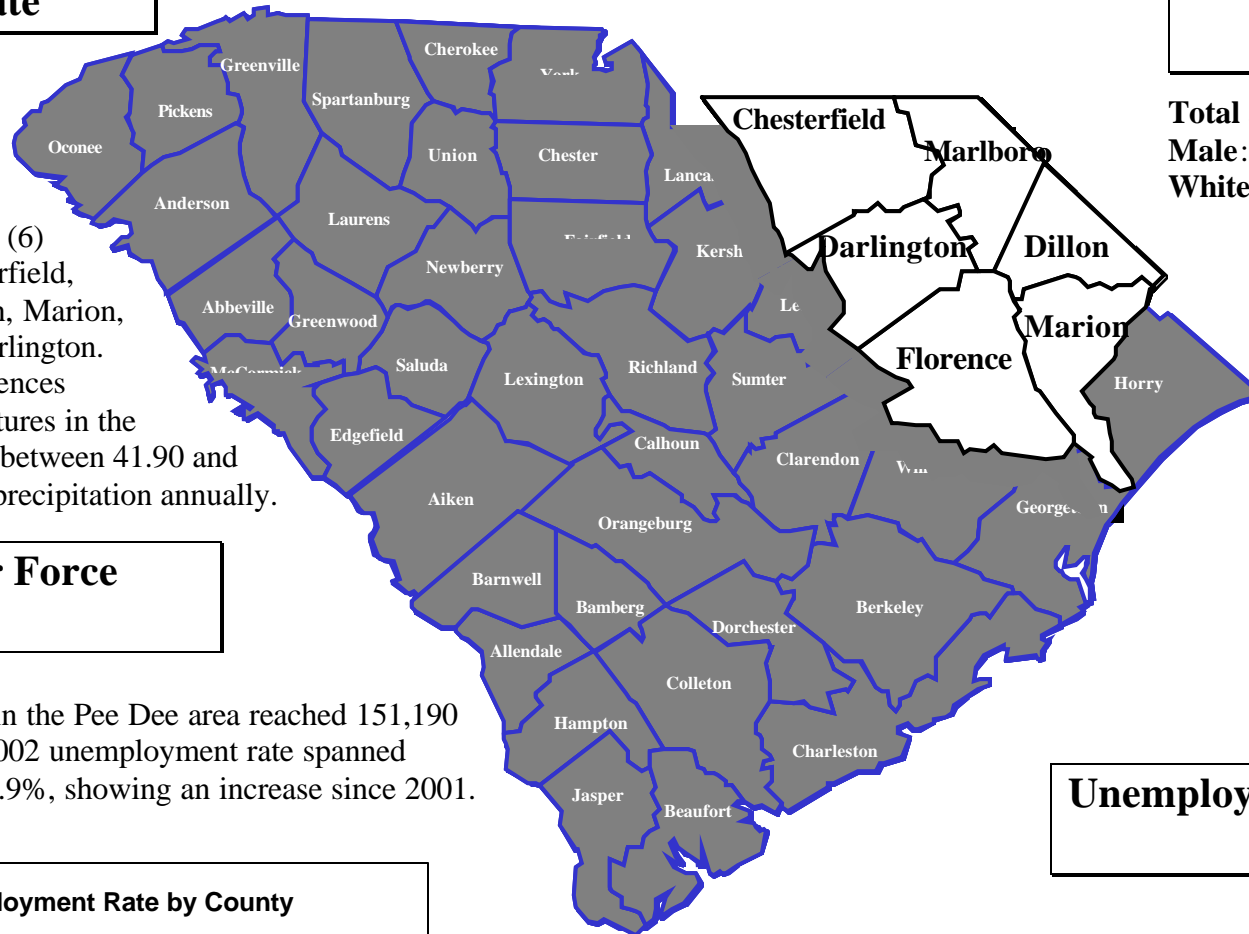
Average monthly employment for counties across the Pee Dee WIA ranged from 9,960 in Marlboro to 59,350 in Florence.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2002, Unemployment insurance benefits paid by Workforce centers in the Pee Dee WIA reached a total of \$33,449,751.

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income for Pee Dee WIA counties in 2001 ranged from \$18,033 to \$25,742; between 73% and 104% of the state's PCI of \$24,840.



WIA Unemployment Rate by County

